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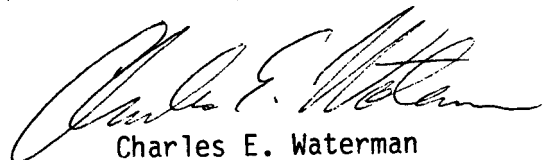
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SUBJECT: Proposed Gulf of Sidra Exercise

1. Attached is the coordinated intelligence community assessment on the proposed late August Gulf of Sidra exercise. I have sent it to the Political Military Bureau in State, which is the office holding an IG on the subject on 29 June. They intend to distribute it to representatives of various agencies at the IG, and also incorporate portions of it into policy papers now being prepared. Without making policy recommendations, the thrust of the piece is that Qadhafi will react militarily and that regional reactions would be generally negative in the current period of heightened area tensions.

2. I have received calls from State/NEA indicating they intend strongly to oppose the holding of such an exercise at this time. I understand C/NE/DDO has as well.

3. A SIG and later NSC meeting is scheduled to be held soon after the IG in order to make a final decision. The JCS needs a go-ahead for planning purposes by mid-July.



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Intelligence Community Assessment

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